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MEMORANDUM FOR : All Suppliers

SUBJECT : Safeguarding Organization Association  
with Project

1. The USAF is procuring twenty-nine U-2 aircraft and many of the equipment items which have been sponsored through development and procurement by Project Headquarters. The Air Force is now in the process of organizing and training a unit to operate as a companion project to our project. In activating its project, the Air Force has agreed to comply with **certain personnel clearance and security policies** imposed by Project Headquarters.

2. The proposed Air Force plan of operations contemplates attaching a number of airmen and some officers to the Lockheed plant at Bakersfield, California, and to other suppliers for training of personnel. Such personnel after completion of training will be phased into the various functions of the Air Force program with duty stations at [ ] Watertown, Turner Air Force Base, and Air Force Project Headquarters.

3. Most of these USAF trainees and visitors who arrive at the various suppliers' plants will not have received as complete clearance processing as personnel participating in our activity. These USAF trainees and visitors will be granted this Phase I clearance in order that the USAF program will not be unduly delayed. Because of this interim type clearance for USAF project personnel, the Project Director deems it mandatory that suppliers not reveal the sponsor of this project to any USAF visitors or trainees. Although such USAF personnel will know of the existence of another U-2 program, they should be led to believe that such a program is a joint NACA-USAF high altitude research project, along the lines presented [ ] in the newspaper release of 7 May 1956.

4. In all cases, before USAF project personnel can have admittance to suppliers' plants, this Headquarters will issue clearance instructions, purpose of visit and proposed itinerary to the suppliers involved.

5. Any security problems arising from the USAF project personnel attached to suppliers' plants will be relayed to this Headquarters for necessary action.

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